Starting a New P-Patch Flowchart

LAND

Find a New Garden Site → Yes

Test the soil: How healthy is the soil? —No→ Find a new garden area

Yes

Is it an environmentally critical area?

Yes

Work with PPatch staff: Can you develop the non-environmentally critical areas? —No→ Find a new garden area

Environmentally Critical Areas
- Landslide prone
- Wetlands
- Fish/Wildlife conservation area
- Riparian Corridor

Yes

Make sure you can get land use permits

Work with P-Patch staff to evaluate your site and secure access to your new garden!

Things to Consider:
- Location: Is the garden visible and on a relatively quiet street? Busy streets are possible in a high density area.
- Size: Is the garden larger than 4000 sq. ft.?
  - Smaller lots in high density areas can be approved, work with the P-Patch staff
- Terrain: Is the land reasonably flat or can it be terraced?
- Sun Exposure: Does the sun get exposure most of the day?
- Permitting: Will you need permits to use the land?
- Water Availability: Is there an existing water system or water meter?
  - Work with P-Patch staff and Seattle Public Utilities to apply for water service.

Get the go ahead to use the land

Is it publically owned? —Yes→ Work with PPatch staff to verify it is available and get permissions (different public departments require different steps)

No

Is it privately owned? —Yes→ Is the Owner willing to host the garden? —Yes→ Work with PPatch staff to get a lease agreement.

ORGANIZE

Begin Outreach

Things to Consider:
- Get your neighbors involved
- Reach out to the wider community
- Word of mouth
- Advertising

Things to Consider:
- Apply for a Neighborhood Matching Fund
- Find private grants
- Look for supply/skill donations
- Set up a fundraising even
- Set up fiscal sponsorship with P-Patch Trust

Fundraise

Organize yourselves: Form a leadership structure

Roles to Consider:
- Project Lead
- Core Group
- Outreach Committee
- Treasurer/Bookkeeper
- Work Party Organizer
- Tool Organizer
- Communication Organizer
- Materials Organizer
- Food Organizer

Continue Outreach

DESIGN

Your site has been approved! Begin designing your garden.

Find and decide on a garden designer

Host the 3 meeting community design series

Get the final review by the P-Patch staff and the land owners.

Things to Consider:
- Is the land owned by SDOT? They have their own review process
- Is the land owned by Seattle Parks Department? They also have their own review process

Final schematic design

Develop construction documents (if needed)

Acquire building, drainage, grading permits if needed

Apply for water service (if needed)

BUILD

Build your garden!

Determine whether labor needs to be hired or if volunteer skills and labor are available and allocate funds and materials

Things to Consider:
- Tree protection steps (Does DPD or SDOT need to be involved?)
- Water system backflow device inspeactiopn done before the water system is backfilled
- Water installed by SPU—Is a street repair needed? SDOT or your contractor can work with PPatch to get this done

Set up garden work parties

Start from the bottom-up.
- You will need to move earth before you can plant seeds.
- You need to build your underground system before you surface your paths

Grand Opening/ CELBRATE!

Assign gardening areas

BEGIN GARDENING!